

SECTION 1. Section 34090 of the Health and Safety Code is added to read:

CHAPTER 4. Drought Housing Relocation Assistance

34090. (a) The department may provide temporary assistance for persons moving from housing units due to a lack of potable water resulting from the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on January 17, 2014, if the following minimum requirements are met:

- (1) All reasonable attempts to find a potable water source have been exhausted.
- (2) The housing unit is served by a private well or water utility with less than 15 connections that is running out of potable water due to the drought conditions.
- (b) The department may administer the housing assistance or contract with qualified state and local government agencies or nonprofit organizations to administer the assistance. The department may also utilize available funds to leverage or complement other rental housing subsidy programs providing temporary assistance to qualifying households.
- (c) The department shall adopt guidelines establishing criteria for the assistance, including, but not limited to, eligibility, income limits, type of assistance to be provided, and assistance amounts.
- (d) The Drought Housing Relocation Assistance program shall sunset on June 30, 2017.

34091. Any rule, policy, or standard of general application employed by the department in implementing the provisions of this chapter shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

SECTION 2. Section 50661 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

(a) There is hereby created in the State Treasury the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund. All interest or other increments resulting from the investment of moneys in the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund shall be deposited in the fund, notwithstanding Section 16305.7 of the Government Code. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, all money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the department for the following purposes:

- (1) For making deferred-payment rehabilitation loans for financing all or a portion of the cost of rehabilitating existing housing to meet rehabilitation standards as provided in this chapter.
- (2) For making deferred payment loans as provided in Sections 50668.5, 50669, and 50670.
- (3) For making deferred payment loans pursuant to Sections 50662.5 and 50671.
- (4) Subject to the restrictions of Section 53131, if applicable, for administrative expenses of the department made pursuant to this chapter, Article 3 (commencing with Section 50693) of Chapter 7.5, and Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 50775).
- (5) For related administrative costs of nonprofit corporations and local public entities contracting with the department pursuant to Section 50663 in an amount, if any, as determined by the department, to enable the entities and corporations to implement a program pursuant to this

chapter. The department shall ensure that not less than 20 percent of the funds loaned pursuant to this chapter shall be allocated to rural areas. For purposes of this chapter, "rural area" shall have the same meaning as in Section 50199.21.

(6) To the extent no other funding sources are available, ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), as provided in Section 4 of Chapter 3 of the Statutes of 2014, may be used for the purposes of Section 34085.

(7) To the extent that funds are made available by the Legislature, such funds may be used for the purposes of Section 34090. Any funds appropriated for the purposes of Section 34090 that are not committed upon the sunset of the program shall revert to the General Fund.

(b) There shall be paid into the fund the following:

(1) Any moneys appropriated and made available by the Legislature for purposes of the fund.

(2) Any moneys that the department receives in repayment of loans made from the fund, including any interest thereon.

(3) Any other moneys that may be made available to the department for the purposes of this chapter from any other source or sources.

(4) Moneys transferred or deposited to the fund pursuant to Sections 50661.5 and 50778.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, any interest or other increment earned by the investment or deposit of moneys appropriated by subdivision (b) of Section 3 of Chapter 2 of the Statutes of the 1987–88 First Extraordinary Session, or Section 7 of Chapter 4 of the Statutes of the 1987–88 First Extraordinary Session, shall be deposited in a special account in the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund and shall be used exclusively for purposes of Sections 50662.5 and 50671.

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, effective with the date of the act adding this subdivision, appropriations authorized by the Budget Act of 1996 for support of the Department of Housing and Community Development from the California Disaster Housing Repair Fund and the California Homeownership Assistance Fund shall instead be authorized for expenditure from the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund.

(e) Effective July 1, 2014, the California Housing Trust Fund in the State Treasury is abolished and any remaining balance, assets, liabilities, and encumbrances shall be transferred to, and become part of, the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund. Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the Government Code, all transferred amounts are continuously appropriated to the department for the purpose of satisfying any liabilities and encumbrances and the purposes specified in this section.

SECTION 3. Section 50716 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, to respond to the state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor on January 17, 2014, the department shall, directly or through contracts, make the Office of Migrant Services centers available for rent by persons or families experiencing economic hardships or rendered homeless or at risk of becoming homeless as a result of the drought. This may include, but is not limited to, extending the period of occupancy prior to or

beyond the standard 180-day period and redefining persons and families eligible to occupy the centers. To the extent feasible, the department shall give preference to persons and families that meet existing program criteria.

(b) The department may adopt program guidelines to implement this section. Any rule, policy, or standard of general application employed by the department in implementing the provisions of this section shall not be subject to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code).

SECTION 4. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to make the necessary statutory changes to implement the Budget Act of 2015 at the earliest possible time, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.